

## DECLARATION

I, Satoko HAYASHI, of HIRAKI & ASSOCIATES, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. That I am well acquainted with the English and Japanese languages and am competent to translate from Japanese into English.

2. That I have executed, with the best of my ability, a true and correct translation into English of Japanese Patent Application No. 363183/1997 filed on December 15, 1997, a copy of which I attach herewith.

This 7th day of May, 2003

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